

## **UTAS COLLEGE PROGRAM - (INCORPORATING HIGH ACHIEVER PROGRAM)**

The University College program is a major initiative being undertaken by the University of Tasmania. It enables talented students to undertake university units of study either in conjunction with or in addition to their TCE studies, as below:

- Students undertake a TCE subject extension where the TCE subject curriculum closely aligns to a UTAS first year or Foundation unit. TCE extension is available in selected language, visual and performing arts, arts and business studies. Extension units have extra work completed online and at university workshops or colloquia and are assessed by the university. These results are moderated with the student's TCE result to determine their final UTAS assessment; or
- Students complete UTAS units undertaken either through the High Achievers Program or with a college or campus based facilitated class. These units are best suited to high achieving students capable of completing work at first year university level. These units may be predominantly delivered by distance mode supported by college staff and by visits from lecturers and online feedback. Assessment for these units is the same as assessment for other UTAS students which will often mean taking an exam at a University campus. Results for UTAS units count towards the student's Tertiary Entrance Ranking.

### **What are the benefits of the Program?**

- The opportunity to complete UTAS units while in Senior Two (Year 11) and Senior Three (Year 12)
- Support by UTAS lecturers through assignments and workshops.
- No HECS (Higher Education Contribution Scheme) charges – a saving of around \$650 per unit of study
- Access to UTAS Library and other on-campus facilities. The library and on-line resources can be a real bonus for your other subjects
- An introduction to university study which can assist in future educational and career planning.

### **Who is eligible to participate?**

Students are recommended for the program by the college according to their previous academic success and their ability to fit the UTAS extension studies into their existing TCE studies. Enrolment forms must be signed by parent/guardians and by the College Principal.

### **How will the units be taught?**

- Courses will involve a combination of assignment completion, online activities and/or attendance at UTAS weekend workshops. The program requirements will be sent by email to both you and to the responsible teacher at your school.
- Students unable to manage or complete the requirements of this program may at present withdraw without academic penalty, subject to advice/counseling from their school/college. In this situation it is requested that UTAS enrolments be contact promptly, and that the withdrawal be confirmed between the college responsible teacher and course instructor.

### **Tertiary Entrance Ranking:**

- **For TCE subject extension:** your TCE result counts towards your ATAR as normal. To receive an award for your UTAS units you will need to successfully complete mandatory assignments and workshops and achieve a TCE result of CA or better. UTAS will receive TCE results from the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority in mid December. Results will be moderated and combined with results for their UTAS projects at that time, and students will receive advice of their UTAS result in mid/late January. A summary of results will be provided to your school/college.

On successful completion of the program and the respective TCE subject, you will be awarded results in UTAS units of study in the relevant Associate Degree, two units being equal to 25% of a first year load. Your UTAS results do not contribute additional points to your ATAR.

- ***For stand-alone units:*** An arrangement has been negotiated with the TQA such that units undertaken in the University College Program via this method are included in the calculation of TE Scores. On the successful completion of a university unit, your result will be assessed for eligibility for inclusion in the calculation of your TER. 12.5% university units are deemed to be the equivalent of half the size of a level 3 subject. In order to provide for the inclusion of the university units in the calculation of your TER, all level 3 subjects you have completed have the TE score halved. Each half score is then the equivalent of a university unit. The best 10 half scores [with at least 6 in Senior Three (Year 12)] are then selected to determine the TER. Further explanation and examples can be found in the High Achievers Program section as the same methods are used.

All interested St Patrick's College students should initially make appointments to meet with the Deputy Principal (Learning & Teaching), Enrichment Resource Teacher or Senior Curriculum Coordinator and would need to provide evidence of their academically high achievement status to date.